



## A Thought for Flag Day ...

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

## Women of Moose Plan Parade and Patriotic Program Here on June 21

An all-city "Americanism parade" and patriotic rally will precede installation of officers of the Torrance Women of the Moose, auxiliary of the Loyal Order of Moose, Friday evening, June 21. All local organizations, civic, fraternal, service and patriotic, have been invited to participate in this demonstration of American unity. Other Moose lodges and Auxiliaries from neighboring cities have likewise been asked to send delegations here for the event.

The committee in charge of the parade has planned several divisions, tentatively to be as follows: First division: Police escort, Sons of Legion and the Community Post of Culver City Legion drum and bugle corps; drill team from the Junior Auxiliary of Chevonr Hills No. 50, Sons of Legion of Torrance, Boy Scouts of Torrance, Second division: Torrance Municipal band, Women of the Moose, Loyal Order of Moose; Third division: Veterans' Service League band of Santa Monica; Torrance American Legion post, Auxiliary and other veterans' organizations; Fourth division: decorated autos and marchers.

The parade will assemble in front of the American Legion hall on Carson street at 7 p. m. (Continued on Page 4-A)

## Want Ad Rhymes Contest Winners

Several real estate brokers were contacted during the past week and gladly contributed their time to judging rhymes submitted for the Want Ad Rhymes Contest. They submitted the following selections as winners:

**First Prize Winner**  
Mrs. Ozeta Brown, 25349 South Cypress, first prize of \$1. Mrs. Brown, kindly call at our Torrance office for the prize money.

**The Ad:**  
MARGARET'S SHOP  
2 Lovely Formal  
1 Flowered Taffeta, etc.  
1001 Sartori, Tor. 85-J.  
The Winning Rhyme:

"One grand store, Margaret's Shop—  
The best place in town to stop;  
Clothes for every time of day—  
Cheap enough for all to pay."  
**Second Prize Winner**

Mrs. George Murphy, 1884 262nd street, Lomita, again rings the bell. Kindly call at our Torrance office for two tickets to the Torrance theatre.

**The Ad:**  
Reduced for QUICK ACTION, etc.  
Edith S. Smith,  
and Fred A. Simons,  
2209 Hiway 101, Lomita 38  
The Winning Rhyme:

"Buy a home, buy it now,  
Edith Smith will tell you how,  
A little down, payments small,  
Home's all yours in no time at all."  
**Third Prize Winner**

Alice Lamoreaux, 25219 Oak street, Lomita will kindly call at our Torrance office for two tickets to the Lomita theatre. Good luck, Alice. For a youngster 13 years old you are doing very well.

**The Ad:**  
S-H-A-N-K-S  
BARGAINS  
Beverage sets, decorated, etc.  
Shank's Economy Store,  
24,618 Narbonne Ave., Lomita 350.  
The Winning Rhyme:

"What you save when buying at Shank's,  
Is just like money in the bank,  
Take advantage of their bargain  
each day!  
Twill help you live the thrifty way."  
(P. S. Alice—Just try and make  
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## Grand Jury Drops Powell Probe, Letter States

What is believed to be the final chapter of Councilman George V. Powell's effort to discredit Police Chief John Stroth and City Judge Robert Lessing with a view toward their dismissal was written by the county grand jury in a letter received today by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. The clerk had written the grand jury May 22 requesting a statement on the outcome of the inquisitorial body's review of the city auditor's reports and examination of city council members relative to Powell's charges of "shortages" in the police and city judge's departments which he said "had been made up later."

The complete text of the reply was:

"City Clerk,  
"City of Torrance, Calif.,  
"Dear Sir:

"Referring to your letter received by the Grand Jury on May 22, 1940:

"After going over the matter carefully, including the hearing of witnesses and taking of evidence, we have concluded that this is not a matter that warrants further consideration by the Grand Jury.

"Very truly yours,  
"LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
"GRAND JURY.

"By (Mrs.) Helen Guzzardi,  
"Secretary."

Tuesday night at city council meeting, Powell read another statement into the city records concerning his "investigation" that he first made public on May 14.

He declared that several councilmen had been interviewed separately by the grand jury and then the entire body was called into conference with the inquisitorial body. The "crusading custodian" asserted that the foreman of the grand jury, Judge Edwin F. Hahn, was asked by Mayor Tom McGuire to write a letter to the council "absolving the city judge of all blame" for the alleged "shortages" which Powell contends "were made up later."

Powell said the foreman declined to do this "because there possibly had been a breach of the law by the city judge but it was up to the city council to take such action about it as members believe necessary." Then the mayor withdrew his request, Powell continued, and Powell said he asked for a letter-report of the grand jury's findings.

Mayor McGuire said that the grand jury had been requested to issue a report and that he could not understand why it had not been sent.

## Two Students Going to Boys' State Assembly

Two Torrance high school students, Donald Hitchcock, president-elect of the student body, and Clifford Totten, will be sent by the local American Legion post to the Boys' State gathering at Sacramento from June 22 to 29.

They were selected by the faculty on the basis of excellence in scholarship, leadership and interest in civic affairs, according to Principal Thomas Elson.

## ROTARY SPEAKER TONIGHT

Ken Stewart will speak on the "Story of the National Association of '40 Clubs" tonight at the Torrance Rotary club dinner-meeting, outlining what the group is doing to assist men 40 and older who are without jobs. He will be presented by Rev. Thomas R. Marshall.

## Legion Salutes First Voters At Americanism Rally Tonight



JUDGES AND LEGION ESSAY CONTEST WINNER ... Tonight at the Civic Auditorium, Eugene Shaner, 16-year-old Torrance high school student, (second from left) will read his essay on "Why I Am Glad I Am An American," which was chosen by the men pictured above with him as the best of some 80 received. Left to right: Principal Thomas Elson of Torrance High School, Edwin A. Bird, Robert J. Deininger, Earl Conner and Vern Babcock, who holds the trophy which will be presented the student this evening at the Americanism patriotic rally open to all residents of Torrance and vicinity.

## IMPRESSIVE PROGRAM OPEN TO PUBLIC IN AUDITORIUM

All streets and roads lead to the Torrance Civic Auditorium tonight where Bert S. Crossland Post, No. 170, American Legion, will present a patriotic program of deep significance for every resident of this area. The assembly is to be held chiefly in honor of all young people of the community who will cast their first presidential votes this year.

Civic, fraternal, social and service organizations of Torrance and vicinity have generously endorsed the "First Voters' Rally" expected to draw the Auditorium at 8 o'clock. The entire American Legion posts from Harbor City and Compton have signified their intention of attending.

Edwin A. Bird, who is general chairman of the rally, requests all organizations with stands of colors to have them at the Auditorium at 7:45 p. m. for proper placing on the stage. The program will be as follows:

Band concert by Torrance Municipal band before 8 o'clock. Opening ceremonies, following the American Legion ritual, conducted by Walter Roland, acting commander. Roland will then turn the meeting over to Chairman Bird.

Singing of the national anthem by the audience.

Retirement of the Legion post's old and faded colors.

Advancement and dedication of new colors with a detachment of U. S. Marines, under command of Major George Hamilton, assisting in this colorful ceremony.

Presentation of a silver trophy to Eugene Shaner, Torrance high school student, winner of the Legion's essay contest on the subject, "Why I Am Glad I Am An American."

Young Shaner's reading of his composition.

Principal address of the evening will be given by Superior Judge Byron Writers of Los Angeles.

Formal initiation of 25 members of the Torrance Legion Post who have never been accorded this privilege by the crack Compton drill team.

Closing ceremonies.

After the Auditorium meeting, all visiting Legionnaires are invited to attend a reception to be held in the Torrance clubhouse on Carson street.

## Pin-Ball License Ordinance Held Up for More Study

After objections were raised that a proposed ordinance to regulate and license pin-ball machines here tended to encourage a monopoly, gives the police department power which is customarily vested in the city and may not be legal anyway, the council decided to hold up adoption of the measure until Police Chief John Stroth can be present to give his opinion on the matter.

Councilman Vern Babcock introduced the proposed law as an "emergency measure" and under questioning declared that it was modeled after the county's ordinance and had been requested by Stroth as a means to regulate pin-ball games in the city. The ordinance would allow but one license per 12,000 population who could operate 25 of the machines for \$250 annual fee or \$10 for each additional machine over the original 25. The license must be approved by the chief of police and minors under 18 years of age are banned from manipulating them.

Chief Stroth was not present at the council session to give testimony regarding the proposed law. City Attorney John E. McCall said "the proposed ordinance is legal I think. It has never been tried out in a court."

Councilman James Hitchcock, who had asked to have the whole contents of the measure read, pointed out that the city endeavored to pass a similar ordinance "about two years ago and we were informed at that time by District Attorney Fitts that our action would be illegal and so we dropped it."

## Would-Be Suicide is Found Napping After He Changes His Mind

Warned by Redondo Beach officers that a resident of their city was enroute to take his life by asphyxiation in the Hollywood Riviera district, local officers hurried beachwards Tuesday morning in search of the would-be suicide.

They found him—napping in the front seat of his car.

He explained that, after thinking over his intended demise, he decided life was pretty good after all and then went to sleep. He had fastened a rubber hose to the exhaust of his car and extended it into the body of the machine to provide his "way out."

The officers escorted him back to Redondo Beach, congratulated him on his return to common sense and sped back to headquarters with the report that they had "saved one soul."

## Building Permits Total \$9,390

This week's building permits, issued from the city engineer's office, totaled \$9,390. Permits were granted for the following construction projects:

James L. Foneannon, one-story stucco store building and shop at 1316 Border avenue, \$3,000; Fur Farms, Inc., a 11 by 150-foot chinichilla pen at 2701 West 182nd street, \$900; Charles E. Hale, five-room frame house and two-car garage at 20540 Hawthorne avenue, \$2,250.

W. C. Graham, 627 Sartori avenue, a store building at 815 Border avenue, \$350; R. D. Whitcomb, chicken house at 23101 Narbonne avenue, \$90; E. G. Neess, five-room stucco house and garage at 1514 Madrid avenue, \$2,500, and Robert T. Russell, addition to a residence at 1738 Date street, \$900.

## RED CROSS RELIEF DRIVE SWINGS INTO HIGH GEAR IN CITY

Preparations for launching a city-wide drive to raise this city's \$4,000 quota in the American Red Cross War Relief Fund campaign were perfected this morning by an executive committee appointed last evening at a meeting held in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce offices.

## Contributions Reach \$275 Here Today

Still far from this city's quota of \$4,000, donations and pledges to the American Red Cross War Relief Funds by local residents and firms this week totaled \$275.00. The collections were:

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| Previously acknowledged                | \$13.00         |
| Ivy Hartley                            | 1.00            |
| Florence Welch                         | 5.00            |
| Melissa A. Walker                      | 5.00            |
| Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Roberts             | 10.00           |
| Abel Beach                             | 2.00            |
| Margaret Goldmeyer                     | 5.00            |
| Margaret Donnelly                      | 10.00           |
| A. Friend                              | 2.50            |
| St. Cecelia's Episcopal Guild          | 10.00           |
| Associated Assessment Engineers, L. A. | 15.00           |
| J. C. Penney Co.                       | 5.00            |
| J. C. Penney Co. Employees             | 14.00           |
| George W. Robinson                     | 5.00            |
| J. G. Koch                             | 25.00           |
| Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Ingold              | 10.00           |
| Saul Koch                              | 5.00            |
| A. Friend                              | 5.00            |
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| Frank Higgins                          | 2.00            |
| S. Schmidt                             | 1.00            |
| Torrance Herald                        | 15.00           |
| <b>Total Collections</b>               | <b>\$205.50</b> |
| <b>Pledges:</b>                        |                 |
| L. J. Gilmeister                       | 7.50            |
| J. J. Newberry Co.                     | 5.00            |
| Safeway Stores Employees               | 16.00           |
| Cornet's Employees                     | 1.00            |
| F. L. Parks                            | 5.00            |
| Harry M. Abramson                      | 10.00           |
| C. Earl Conner                         | 10.00           |
| Sam Levy                               | 10.00           |
| Flora Wright                           | 5.00            |
| <b>Total Pledges</b>                   | <b>\$69.50</b>  |
| <b>Total Donations</b>                 | <b>\$275.00</b> |

The executive committee, headed by Mrs. Flora Wright, chairman of the local Red Cross branch, consists of Sam Levy, C. Earl Conner and J. W. Post. A general committee of 20 leading citizens chose L. J. Gilmeister as chairman.

Sub-committees to contact various groups of citizens throughout the city are being formed today. It is planned to conduct an attractive campaign until July 15, when it is hoped that the \$4,000 quota will be reached. As a stimulus to the drive, a large thermometer, graduated in \$1,000 groups (one for each of the four weeks of the drive) will be erected in the triangular park at Sartori and Cabrillo avenues. Daily contributions to the fund will be shown by the rising red "temperature" column.

**Papers Are Supplemental**  
R. R. Smith and Lou Greenman were present at last evening's meeting and reported that plans are being worked out for raising funds among industrial employees and that active work would begin as soon as plans have been approved.

George W. Robinson, who with F. O. Bacon, is in charge locally of the county-wide old paper drive to be conducted by The Mantle Club of Los Angeles, emphasized that this effort to raise funds by the collection of old newspapers and magazines should in no way be confused with the campaign for cash contributions, nor should anyone feel that because he gave some old newspapers and magazines that he would otherwise have burned that he should not give toward the cash raising campaign, Robinson stated.

However, everyone is urged to save their old newspapers and magazines until the end of the month and on June 28, 29, and 30, bring them to the vacant lot opposite the Civic Auditorium. Those unable to bring their bundles may phone Robinson at 872 and he will arrange to pick up the bundles.

**Two Benefits Arranged**  
Two Red Cross benefits, a "Dance-krig" show to be given by students of the Garri-Brandt dance studio on June 22, and a monster city-wide card party under the auspices of St. Cecelia's Episcopal Guild on June 20, are being arranged.

Talkies for the community card party will sell for 35 cents each and there will be a door prize awarded promptly at 8:15 when play will start. A number of other prizes are now being arranged for by the church.

Mrs. Robert S. Sleeth was named general chairman and she will be assisted by Mrs. Lou Deininger and Mrs. John E. Miller.

All women's organizations are being invited to cooperate in arranging this benefit.

**No Funds to Germany**  
Due to numerous inquiries, one point must be made clear to local citizens about the Red Cross War Relief Fund. Germany will not receive any of the funds contributed to the (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Stroth Step Down Offer Tabled by Unanimous Vote

Police Chief John Stroth wrote the city council Tuesday that he was "agreeable to step down from my present position if such be the desire of your honorable body and to reassume the position of captain ... effective on or after June 16 when a vacancy in the position of captain will exist."

But the city council by a unanimous vote tabled his proffered resignation—not even Councilman George V. Powell who had his successful motion of May 14 to oust Stroth rescinded on May 23, objecting to this virtual pigeon-holing of the resignation.

Councilman John V. Murray who had endorsed Stroth's removal May 14, moved that the chief's "step down" offer be "placed on file." The motion was seconded by Councilman Vern Babcock, who had joined Powell and Murray in the original ouster move, and carried without a dissenting vote.

## Want Sewers in So Torrance

In response to a request by Mrs. Katherine Fink and several other South Torrance residents, City Engineer Leonard Young was instructed by the city council Tuesday night to contact County Engineer Warren to see if a sewer extension improvement for that area could be included in the Vista Highlands sewer project which is now under way as a W.P.A. work.

Mrs. Fink told the council that most of the property owners from 233rd to 237th street want sewer connections. She said the streets in that area "were very bad, some are almost impassable but there's no use to fix them up until the sewers are in."

## Treat Her to a Chicken Dinner!

For that matter, why not treat the whole family and visiting friends to a real chicken dinner? The advertiser, whose ad is partially reproduced herewith, has specialized on this type of service to the point of excellence—unsurpassed anywhere. What is more—you go away satisfactorily filled. Turn now to the classified pages for her ad and phone in your reservations.

**Where to Eat** —28

**AT** Family Style DINNERS CLUB & AFTERNOON PARTIES BY APPOINTMENT

Read—Use Our Want Ads Regularly for Profit!

## MARCH OF RIMES

—ABOUT A DOG—By H. F. NOAKE

Wish that I were like my dog, an ideal life he's living; for what he gets it seems to me, he does a heap of giving. No matter whether days be dark, or whether sun be shining, to him it's Mother Nature's will, accepts it without whining. The simplest pleasures satisfy, for luxuries, no craving; the bones he hides for future use, a lesson rare in saving. With day's work done and homeward bound I contemplate our meeting, and know whatever else betide he'll bark a friendly greeting. Wish that I were like that dog, I'd do a lot of bragging if I could take it on the chin and keep my tail a-wagging. If money, health and friends depart of one thing I am certain, the last to go will be a dog when time rings down the curtain.



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